

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

### HONORING THE CAREER AND SERVICE OF SAL HOWARD

#### HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 19, 2013*

Mr. HIGGINS. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor the Sal Howard and his service to the City of Buffalo. A dedicated employee with an indefatigable spirit, Sal has worked for the City of Buffalo for 31 years.

Sal began his long career with the City of Buffalo during the tenure of Mayor Jimmy Griffin. Due to the death of his father, Benjamin, Sal left high school to provide for his mother, brother, and sister. Through the Mayor's Summer Youth Program, Sal worked fixing snow plows and lawnmowers to aid his family.

After working for the Mayor's Summer Youth Program, Sal accepted a position with the City of Buffalo Animal Shelter, transporting dogs back and forth to the veterinarian, among other responsibilities. Sal's next step came with a position in the City of Buffalo's Engineering Department. As part of the Clean Sweep initiative, Sal drives trucks to help clean city streets, remove debris, and beautify our neighborhoods.

In addition to his day job, Sal serves as a New York State licensed armed security guard. Sal's work ethic is second to none.

The Howard family has an impressive history of civil service. Sal's father Benjamin was a sanitation engineer for the City, and his mother Columbia worked as a custodian for the Board of Education. His sister Sarah currently is a bus aide for the Board of Education and his brother Bernie worked for the City until his passing.

Sal's dedication to our community extends beyond his job. A devoted Catholic, he is an usher and Eucharistic Minister at St. Columba-Brigid Roman Catholic Church, on the corner of Hickory and Eagle Streets in Buffalo.

Mr. Speaker, thank you for allowing me a few moments to acknowledge Sal's commendable career and service to our community. I am grateful for his good works and wish him the best in all his future endeavors.

### HONORING JULIAN NABOZNY

#### HON. ED PASTOR

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 19, 2013*

Mr. PASTOR of Arizona. Mr. Speaker, I rise before you today to pay tribute to a Phoenix community leader and businessman, who for 20 years now has given back to his community by providing complimentary breakfasts to thousands of individuals at his McDonald's restaurant on Thanksgiving Day.

Mr. Julian Nabozny, a native of Argentina whose family moved to Chicago when he was 13, went to high school and college in Illinois

and became a naturalized U.S. citizen. He became a high school teacher, mainly so he could pursue his first love—soccer—but soon learned he could not survive on a coach's salary. When he learned McDonald's was looking for prospective Hispanic owners, he took a shot and worked his way up from three establishments in Chicago to now owning five restaurants in Phoenix.

Since he moved to Phoenix in the early 1990s, Mr. Nabozny has built his restaurants to offer more than just a family experience; they have become local community centers. Besides providing thousands of free breakfasts on Thanksgiving Day, his McDonald's stores have provided free community resources, such as information about health insurance, immigration laws, or free mammograms. He has become a trusted leader whose voice lends help to important causes in the Hispanic community. He was recently honored as the 2012 Man of the Year at "La Noche de Amistad (The Night of Friendship)", an event organized by Phoenix 1190 AM Radio and Mujeres Unicas, a Spanish-language radio program, for donating much of his time and personal finances to help those less fortunate. In 2000, he won the National Restaurant Association's Cornerstone Humanitarian Award.

In addition, Mr. Nabozny has been a member of the McDonald's Board of Directors; president of Chicago McDonald's Hispanic Owners Association; treasurer, vice president, and president of the national McDonald's Hispanic Owners Association; chair of the company's Hispanic Marketing Committee; a leader in McDonald's Hispanic Scholarship Program; and is a member of the company's Arizona Board of Directors. He is also the Arizona/Nevada representative to the McDonald's National Hispanic Board of Directors.

As he has grown his business, Mr. Nabozny has built his restaurants to reflect the diversity of the neighborhoods in which they are located. He features Aztec-inspired artwork and a Talavera mosaic from Puebla, Mexico in his Phoenix restaurants, among other cultural features.

Mr. Nabozny has said that he believes God saved his life three times on separate occasions. Those incidents reinforced his drive to help those who are less fortunate. By providing free Thanksgiving Day breakfasts and other resources to the Phoenix community, he has provided physical nourishment, and in many cases, spiritual nourishment, to thousands of his fellow human beings. I have had a longstanding friendship with Mr. Nabozny and I admire him greatly. Therefore, on the occasion of the 20th year he plans to provide free Thanksgiving breakfasts, and to show him our deep appreciation, I ask my colleagues today to help me pay tribute to my friend and a great community leader, Mr. Julian Nabozny.

### HONORING THE CAREER OF RAY LOMAS

#### HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 19, 2013*

Mrs. BUSTOS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to talk about Ray Lomas of Rock Island, Illinois.

Ray Lomas has been helping kids in the Quad-Cities since the 1950s. He coached sports teams, mentored students and athletes, and co-founded the Metropolitan Youth Program in the 1980s. Metro Youth continues to this day to engage students through its step-pers and drill team while providing tutoring and educational programs. A drummer himself, Lomas hosted the drum unit at his house every day, and made sure that they also learned practical skills like paying bills and applying for jobs.

Now 84, Ray Lomas has lived in the Quad-Cities for almost his entire life, and spent 36 years working for Deere & Co. in East Moline. His son Rory Lomas is now retired after serving in the Army for over 24 years.

Mr. Speaker, I'd like to thank Ray Lomas for his years of service to our community and I am very happy that Rock Island celebrated Ray Lomas Day on October 24th.

### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

#### HON. NIKI TSONGAS

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 19, 2013*

Ms. TSONGAS. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to cast a vote on rollcall 586 and 587 on November 15, 2013. I was in Massachusetts to meet with Army Chief of Staff General Ray Odierno at Natick Soldier Systems Center, the only active duty Army installation in New England. Since I encouraged him to come, and helped organize a portion of his visit, I felt it was necessary to be present.

Had I been present for this vote, I would have voted "yes" on the Motion to Recommit (rollcall 586) and "no" on the final passage of H.R. 3350 (rollcall 587).

I would have voted against H.R. 3350 because it would have opened up health insurance plans that do not meet the basic requirements of the Affordable Care Act to new enrollees. I would have voted for the Democratic Motion to Recommit. This motion would have given insurance companies the option to continue offering plans that were in existence as of October 1, 2013 to current enrollees, but would not have opened up these plans that do not meet basic requirements to new consumers.

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RECOGNIZING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF READING, BERKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

### HON. JIM GERLACH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 19, 2013*

Mr. GERLACH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Rotary Club of Reading, Berks County, Pennsylvania, on the occasion of its 100th anniversary.

The Rotary Club of Reading was chartered on December 1, 1913 and was the 88th Rotary Club of over 30,000 now to be chartered. Throughout its proud 100 year history, the Reading Rotarians have committed themselves to making a difference in the community by providing meaningful service to those in need. Among the many projects the members of the Rotary Club of Reading have undertaken and completed include: establishing Rotary Park for the enjoyment of the citizens of Reading and Berks County; performing roadside cleanups; and awarding scholarships to Reading High School students.

The distinguished volunteer service by the members of the Rotary Club of Reading over the last 100 years has served to significantly improve the quality of life in the Greater Reading community.

Mr. Speaker, in recognition of its 100th anniversary, I ask that my colleagues join me today in recognizing the Rotary Club of Reading, Berks County, Pennsylvania.

### CRISIS IN THE CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC

### HON. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 19, 2013*

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, today I held a subcommittee hearing that was not called an "emergency" hearing, but it very well could have been. Since we first decided to hold a hearing to spotlight the human rights situation in the Central African Republic, the situation has deteriorated even further so that today the country is on the verge of a humanitarian catastrophe.

Coups and dictatorships have characterized the Central African Republic since its independence in 1960, but the current crisis is far more dangerous than what has come before.

Consider this: in a country of approximately 5 million people, roughly 1.1 million citizens face serious food insecurity. Some 460,000 CAR nationals are displaced, including 64,000 who have fled to neighboring countries as refugees and nearly 400,000 who are internally displaced.

This is because there has been a complete breakdown of law and order in the country following the ouster of former President François Bozizé in March of this year. After riding to power on the back of an insurrection known as Seleka, the current dictator, Michel Djotodia, has found it difficult to disengage. Seleka, originally a political alliance, has transformed into a militia of about 25,000 men, up to 90 percent of which come from Chad and Sudan and therefore constitute in the eyes of

many a foreign invasion force. They do not speak the local language, and are Muslim in a nation that is roughly 80 percent Christian. They have targeted churches for destruction and stirred up sectarian hatreds where none had existed previously. Indeed, the Sudanese contingent in particular are said to be members of the notorious janjaweed, who have spread slavery and destruction in the Darfur region of Sudan and now are doing the same in the Central African Republic.

And if that is not bad enough, elsewhere, the Lord's Resistance Army, or LRA, under the psychotic leader Joseph Kony is also loose in the Central African Republic. Both the LRA and Seleka are said to kidnap children to serve as soldiers, and UNICEF estimates that there are now as many as 3,500 child soldiers affiliated with armed groups in the country.

Djotodia has formally disbanded Seleka, but Seleka continues to wreak destruction in the countryside, and they have seized mines and other resources in the country. Djotodia's writ does not extend much beyond the capital city of Bangui.

Even in Bangui, the situation is chaotic. One of our witnesses, Mike Jobbins, related how "There have been nearly a dozen successful or attempted carjackings of humanitarian vehicles over the past two weeks and at least three aid workers have lost their lives since the crisis began."

In response to the depredations of Seleka, their victims have begun to form self-defense units referred to as anti-balaka, or anti-machete, gangs, which have begun to commit retaliatory outrages of their own. Rather than confront the Seleka rebels who are responsible for starting the cycle of violence, however, they often target Muslim civilians, who are deemed "soft targets." Thus, violence begets violence.

The situation is so bad that just this past week, John Ging, director of the UN Office for Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs warned, "We are very, very concerned that the seeds of a genocide are being sown."

All this is happening in a state which is, by any definition, dysfunctional.

In the words of PM Nicolas Tiangaye, who is the closest thing to a legitimate figure in the government of the Central African Republic and whom my staff and I met with this summer when he visited Washington, the Central African Republic is "anarchy, a non-state."

This descent into chaos has compounded the misery of the people of the Central African Republic suffered greatly and lagged substantially in terms of development. Prior to this year, the Central African Republic ranked 180 of 186 countries per the UN Human Development Index.

One area where the Central African Republic did lead bespeaks an irony: National Geographic ranked the Central African Republic as the nation least affected by light pollution. This is, of course, indicative of its low level of development, and the neglect and affirmative harm which generations of political leaders have subjected the country and its people.

Amid this darkness, however, there are bright spots. It is the leadership of churches and faith based organizations, as well as traditional Muslim leaders long resident in the Central African Republic who have sought to defuse communal tensions. These indigenous Muslim leaders who speak for peace need to be recognized and distinguished from foreign

fighters from countries such as Sudan—the same janjaweed who harrowed Darfur—who kill and sow destruction in the name of jihad.

We had the opportunity to hear from one such courageous faith leader, Bishop Nongo. I had the privilege of hosting Bishop Nongo in my office when he came to visit Washington this summer, and I was moved nearly to tears as he described the suffering of the people in his country. It is leaders such as Bishop Nongo, who provide assistance to all regardless of their affiliation, and who strive for peace, who provide the greatest hope for the Central African Republic.

### DIGITAL ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY ACT OF 2013

SPEECH OF

### HON. RUSH HOLT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 18, 2013*

Mr. HOLT. Mr. Speaker, as a scientist, I know firsthand how important scientific conferences and meetings are. I opposed H.R. 2061, the Digital Accountability and Transparency Act, because it would cut by 30 percent the amount of travel federal employees could undertake for conferences, meetings, and other crucial events.

Although I appreciate the sponsors' efforts to ensure oversight on travel expenditures, I suspect they fail to realize the impact that this legislation would have on the progress of science and technology. Scientific conferences play a key role in American innovation. The informal conversations, formal presentations, and everything else that goes on between scientists from different institutions and different countries lead to new collaborations that have the promise of new discoveries.

Just about any scientific society in this country can give you examples where large numbers of federally sponsored researchers have teamed up to tackle pressing issues of our day at a conference. To give just one example, the American Chemical Society and the American Physical Society have stated that the development of an anti-cancer drug was the result of collaboration between a team of scientists from three laboratories that took place at one of these conferences.

We justifiably invest in federal research efforts, and we should ensure that we maximize that investment. When we deny federal scientists and researchers the ability to travel and collaborate with their peers, we leave them and our country with a diminished ability to make the most of that investment.

This affects not only scientists, of course. It is important for all federal employees to meet with their fellow professionals. If any of my colleagues wonder why face-to-face meetings are important, I would ask, why did they vote for House rules that require all of our votes to be taken in person here in the House of Representatives?

While H.R. 2061 takes some laudable attempts to increase transparency, it will undoubtedly stifle scientific collaboration, and thus I cannot support it.

TO RECOGNIZE THE 150 YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF THE GETTYSBURG ADDRESS

### HON. MICHAEL G. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 19, 2013*

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of 278 simple words spoken a century and a half ago in a small town in my home state of Pennsylvania. When President Lincoln addressed the crowd assembled at the dedication of the National Cemetery at Gettysburg, he noted in his speech that his words were ones that, "the world will little note, nor long remember". Yet, 150 years later, President Lincoln's words of sacrifice and strength still ring true. Even amidst the fog of a still raging civil war, Lincoln promised that "this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom"—and that "government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth." Today, we recognize the commitment of President Lincoln to reunite and ensure the continued success of our nation. Furthermore, we reinforce our efforts to protect his solemn pledge of a free government for a free people.

COMMEMORATING JOHN LANCE  
LINDABERRY

### HON. LEONARD LANCE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 19, 2013*

Mr. LANCE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of Private First Class John Lance Lindaberry of Long Valley, New Jersey who honorably served his country during the Vietnam War. Mr. Lindaberry was a member of the 2nd Battalion of the 27th Infantry Regiment, 25th Infantry Division, and killed in action on Nov. 16, 1967.

Mr. Lindaberry was graduated from West Morris Central High School in 1966, and joined the Army in 1967. He was loved by his family and the community, especially his fellow parishioners at the Highlands Presbyterian Church.

Long Valley continues to honor the memory of Mr. Lindaberry at its annual Memorial Day services, as well as other fallen service members.

CONGRESSIONAL BLACK CAUCUS:  
HUNGER IN AMERICA

SPEECH OF

### HON. JOYCE BEATTY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 18, 2013*

Mrs. BEATTY. Mr. Speaker, as we begin to enter the holiday season, let us reflect on the devastating impact of hunger on individuals, families, and communities.

Mr. Speaker—hunger is no holiday for millions of Americans.

50 million individuals in this country are food insecure and 17 million of them are children.

Making sure children are well fed is necessary if America is to reach its health, education, economic, and fiscal goals.

In 2011, 679,900 children in Ohio lived in food insecure households.

On Nov. 1, the largest cuts in the history of our country's food stamp program, now called the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, went into effect when the increase given by the 2009 economic stimulus package expired.

This reduction, which totaled \$5 billion, has already touched more than 47 million people—1 in 7 Americans.

Moreover, billions more in cuts are scheduled to occur in the following two years, despite the fact that food insecurity in America has not even begun to return to pre-recession levels.

Mr. Speaker, we are in a hunger crisis.

When almost 50 million people in the richest country on the planet hungry, that is a crisis.

Moreover, food insecurity can have wide-ranging detrimental consequences on individual's physical and mental health, especially with the more vulnerable populations such as pregnant women and seniors.

According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, more than 1 in 6 Ohio households faced food insecurity from 2010 to 2012, up 6.3 percentage points from a decade earlier.

Ohio trailed only Missouri and Nevada in hunger increases during that same time.

Ohioans have been left to cope with loss of employment, wage stagnation, slow economic recovery, and food insecurity.

Ohioans are hurting.

Shellie, a mother in my district expressed to me that by the end of every month, she has to tell her kids that all they have left to eat is enough food for dinner.

There is nothing left in the pantry to put on the table for breakfast or lunch.

Then there is Roberta, who was a county caseworker in my district for 25 years and a school board member for ten years, and suffered a serious and sudden illness.

Now, because of medical bills, she and her family rely on food stamps and food pantries.

Another touching example is Sandra in my district, who is disabled and lost her job during the recession.

Food stamps are her only recourse for food.

There are thousands of stories like Shellie's, Roberta's, and Sandra's throughout our country.

We must let our constituents know that we hear their struggles and we are fighting for them.

Preventing irrational cuts to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) is a great first step to curbing hunger.

The large \$40 billion cuts in the House version of the 2013 Farm Bill are unprecedented.

SNAP should remain a part of the farm bill and I urge anyone who believes hunger and food insecurity should end to make sure that it does.

This is a practical and moral imperative.

I will continue to support the American people through their daily fight to preserve funding for these initiatives and to end hunger in America.

I thank you for the opportunity to speak on this important issue.

HONORING BRANDT BEAUCHAMP

### HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 19, 2013*

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Brandt Beauchamp. Brandt is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 663, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Brandt has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Brandt has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Brandt has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Brandt for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

INTRODUCING A RESOLUTION IN  
RECOGNITION OF PEOPLE OF AFRICAN  
DESCENT AND BLACK EUROPEAN  
LEADERS

### HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 19, 2013*

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce a resolution recognizing people of African descent, and particularly Europe's Black community and political leaders, as we welcome a delegation of Black European Rights Leaders representing 10 European countries to Washington, DC this week, and continue working to address issues of inequality, discrimination, and inclusion in the 57 North American and European countries that make up the region of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE).

An estimated seven to ten million individuals of African descent currently live in Europe, particularly in France, the United Kingdom, and the Netherlands, and form an influential part of the African diaspora. From labor and scholarship to politics and civil rights, they have contributed greatly to European history and culture over the past several centuries. However, the story of Black Europeans remains widely untold, rendering many of their past and present contributions to the political and social life of Europe invisible or forgotten. Furthermore, similar to the experiences of many African Americans, they have increasingly become the targets of discrimination, pernicious racial profiling, and violent hate crimes impacting equal access to housing, employment, education, and justice.

On April 29, 2008, I chaired a U.S. Helsinki Commission hearing entitled, "The State of (In)visible Black Europe: Race, Rights, and Politics," which focused on bringing to light the daily challenges of racism and discrimination encountered by Black Europeans, specifically with regard to their representation in leadership positions and political participation. Since

then, I have worked with minority and other European legislators to convene annual events in Brussels, Belgium at the European Parliament to address these issues, including the 2009 Black European Summit: Transatlantic Dialogue on Political Inclusion and the 2010 and 2011 Transatlantic Minority Political Leadership Conferences. Follow-on initiatives from these events have included the Transatlantic Inclusion Leaders Network in cooperation with the State Department and German Marshall Fund, which works to advance young, diverse, and inclusive leaders on both sides of the Atlantic.

This resolution acknowledges the findings from the OSCE's Annual Hate Crimes Report and European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights' (EUFRA) 2009 European Union Minorities and Discrimination Survey (EU-MIDIS), as well as initiatives such as the June 2013 European Network Against Racism's "People of African Descent and Black Europeans" Policy Paper and Open Society Justice Initiative 2009 report, entitled "Ethnic Profiling in the European Union," which reveal systemic discrimination against Black Europeans in housing, education, health care, employment, the criminal justice system, and access to political participation. Moreover, recent racist acts towards Black European cabinet-level officials highlight continuing issues of racism and national extremism, and the need to increase the awareness of rights and protection for Black Europeans.

Cooperation is key to addressing the global problems of racism and discrimination. As we continue working to build on past and current initiatives, I encourage my colleagues to join me in recognizing and celebrating the collective history and achievements made by people of African descent. This resolution reaffirms the importance of inclusion and the full and equal participation of people of African descent around the world in all aspects of political, economic, social, and cultural life. To that end, Congress should welcome increased parliamentary activities, including those of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly, to engage in efforts to promote racial equality and combat racial discrimination through efforts such as introducing legislation, speaking out against racism, increasing the political participation of racial minorities, and working with Black European and other minority communities to develop relevant policies.

Europe today grapples with complex questions at the intersection of national identity, decreasing birth rates, increasing immigration, security concerns, and a rise in extremist political parties and vigilantism. In this context of changing demographics and attitudes, the experiences of Black Europeans increasingly serve as a measure of the strength of European democracies and commitments to human rights. Following the 2011 Transatlantic Minority Political Leadership Conference, U.S. and European parliamentarians called for a Joint US-EU Action Plan to work on transatlantic solutions to address bias and discrimination and foster inclusion—much the way we work jointly on counterterrorism, trade, and other issues. The adoption of such an initiative would significantly increase the tools our governments have to address common issues, develop proactive policies to meet changing demographics leading to increased diversity in our societies, and ultimately ensure the long-term stability and prosperity of our democracies.

Mr. Speaker, I urge the adoption of a Joint Action Plan in addition to immediate actions by European governments and members of civil society and the private sector, in consultation with Black European communities, to develop and implement initiatives to combat racial discrimination and promote racial equality in Europe. In the interim, our government can do more to partner with European public and private sectors and Black and migrant communities to advance human rights and inclusion in Europe, including appointing at the State Department and U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) Senior Advisors on Afro-descent peoples and establishing a State Department Fund for the Inclusion of Racial and Ethnic minorities modeled after the Department's International Fund for Women and Girls and Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) Global Equality Funds.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

#### HON. K. MICHAEL CONAWAY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 19, 2013*

Mr. CONAWAY. Mr. Speaker, on November 18th, I was attending a funeral and missed rollcall No. 588, on H.R. 2061. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye."

HONORING MICHAEL A. LENOIR,  
M.D.

#### HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 19, 2013*

Ms. LEE of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the extraordinary career of Dr. Michael LeNoir as we celebrate over 40 years of his contributions to the medical field. Dr. LeNoir continues to be a celebrated physician, and we join together in praise of his remarkable contributions to the Bay Area, California, and our great nation.

Dr. LeNoir is married to Denise Washington LeNoir and they have 4 daughters and 5 grandchildren. He attended the University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston and graduated in 1967. During his transitional year, he interned at the Los Angeles County and the University of Southern California Medical Center. He completed his pediatrics residency at the William Beaumont Army Medical Center in 1970, and finished his fellowship in pediatric allergy and immunology in 1972 at the University of California at San Diego. Dr. LeNoir has been certified for 39 years in Allergy and Immunology from the American Board of Allergy and Immunology, and certified 40 years in Pediatrics from the American Board of Pediatrics. He has practiced clinical allergy and pediatrics in the Bay Area since 1977, and has been an active member of the National Medical Association (NMA) since 1975.

Throughout his prolific career, Dr. LeNoir has served in a number of leadership roles including former board member of the American Association of Certified Allergists, former chair of the Underserved Committee of the American Academy of Allergy, past President of the Northern California Allergy Association, former

Chair of the NMA Allergy and Asthma Section, and former Chair of the Clinical Faculty at the University of California, San Francisco when he served as an associate clinical professor.

Dr. LeNoir has also earned myriad accolades, including the first Floyd Malveaux Award by the NMA Allergy and Asthma Section, the 2006 Community Physician of the Year Award by the Residents at Oakland Children's Hospital and Research Institute, the Lydia Smiley Award from the California School Nurses Association, as well as numerous awards highlighting his community service.

Dr. LeNoir was named as one of the America's leading African American Allergists by Black Enterprise Magazine in 2001 and 2008. Since 2001, Dr. LeNoir has been named as one of the best 200 physicians by Oakland Magazine and San Francisco Magazine.

From 1981 to 1993, Dr. LeNoir was the medical editor for KCBS Radio, hosting a 2 hour weekly talk show. He has been the CEO of the Ethnic Health America Network since 1985, and is the host and executive producer of the About Health Program, a talk show featured on Pacifica Radio stations, including Berkeley's KPFA. He has also served as president of the National Association of Physician Broadcasters.

Currently, Dr. LeNoir is president of the Ethnic Health Institute at Alta Bates Summit Medical Center, Board Chair of the African American Wellness Project, and member of the Board of Directors at Children's Hospital and Research Center in Oakland.

Earlier this summer, Dr. LeNoir was inaugurated as the 114th President of the NMA. The NMA is the largest and oldest national organization representing the interests of more than 32,000 African American physicians and the patients they serve. Under Dr. LeNoir's leadership, the NMA will continue its work to eliminate health disparities, improve the pipeline for African American students, and advance the quality of health among communities of color and disadvantaged populations.

I have had the privilege of knowing and working with Dr. LeNoir for many years. He is a brilliant and compassionate physician who has used his expertise and experience on behalf of his patients and the overall community. I am proud to call him a colleague and a friend.

On behalf of California's 13th Congressional District, Dr. Michael LeNoir, I salute you. Your 40 years of dedication to improving the health of our communities and leadership on medical advances have made an indelible mark in history. Thank you for your continued work and best wishes to you and your loved ones in the years to come.

HONORING THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF SAINT PETER LUTHERAN CHURCH—AFTON, MN

#### HON. BETTY MCCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 19, 2013*

Ms. MCCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to the congregation of Saint Peter Lutheran Church of Afton, Minnesota on the occasion of the 150th anniversary of the church. Since its founding by German settlers in 1863, the church has served as a center of faith and community.

The founding families of Saint Peter Lutheran Church of Afton held tightly to their faith and, as their numbers grew, they recruited a travelling missionary, Reverend Horst, to conduct services from the homes of worshipers. Shortly thereafter another clergyman, Pastor Rolf, took over duties, regularly travelling 15 miles from Saint Paul by foot to preside over the parish.

On December 27th, 1863, the congregation was formally organized into the "The Evangelical Lutheran Saint Peter's Church of Afton Township, Washington County, Minnesota." During the next two years, three acres of land were purchased and on it built the first church from a reconstructed mill that had been abandoned in the area. The first service in the new Saint Peter's church was held on August 12, 1865 and it stood intact for nearly sixty years.

Ultimately, the original structure was converted into a schoolhouse in 1898 and a replacement church was erected beside it, both remaining until they burned down in 1924. The following year saw the completion of a replacement building on the grounds, today known as the 'old' church.

Saint Peter Lutheran Church continues to play a central role in the lives of many Afton families, serving both spiritual and physical needs. Through its strong support of local food shelves and clothing drives, the congregation is directly helping to feed and clothe families in need. The congregation's growth is a tribute to the generosity and commitment of six generations who have built on the foundation laid by those early German settlers. Saint Peter Lutheran Church has blessed the Afton area with its dedication to good deeds for 150 years.

Mr. Speaker, in honor of the 150th Anniversary of Saint Peter Lutheran Church of Afton, Minnesota, I am pleased to submit this statement to the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

#### HONORING IAN MORBY

#### HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 19, 2013*

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Ian Morby. Ian is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 663, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Ian has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Ian has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Ian has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Ian Morby for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

#### HON. ALLYSON Y. SCHWARTZ

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 19, 2013*

Ms. SCHWARTZ. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 588, I was unable to be present for the vote on H.R. 2061.

Had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

#### TRIBUTE TO LOUISE A. ANDERSON

#### HON. LARRY BUCSHON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 19, 2013*

Mr. BUCSHON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Ms. Louise A. Anderson who at the end of this month will be retiring as Director of the West Central Indiana Area Health Education Center in my district.

A nurse by vocation, she has been passionate about ensuring that Hoosiers have access to quality healthcare in their communities by recruiting and training the next generation of healthcare providers. In addition to her professional engagements, Ms. Anderson remains a very active volunteer in professional and community organizations holding several board and committee positions at the local, state, and national levels. Her commitment to the citizens of West Central Indiana for the last three decades has been exemplary through her service as a provider, teacher, and educator. May we all live such a rich and distinguished life of service.

#### HONORING DR. STEPHEN T. BARTLETT

#### HON. C.A. DUTCH RUPPERSBERGER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 19, 2013*

Mr. RUPPERSBERGER. Mr. Speaker, I rise before you today to honor Dr. Stephen T. Bartlett, a close friend and accomplished surgeon and respected professor, on the occasion of his 60th birthday.

A specialist in kidney and pancreas transplantation as well as vascular surgery, Dr. Bartlett has taught and practiced medicine at the renowned University of Maryland since 1991. He is a Peter Angelos Distinguished Professor and chairs the Department of Surgery at the university's School of Medicine. He also serves as Senior Vice President and Surgeon-in-Chief at the University of Maryland Medical System.

Dr. Bartlett earned his medical degree from the University of Chicago and completed his residency at the University of Pennsylvania. He continued his training at Northwestern University and taught at the University of California Davis. He was then recruited to Maryland and revitalized the university's transplant program. The school's kidney transplant program is now the second highest in volume in the country. Under his leadership, the surgical department ranks among the highest in the country in National Institute of Health grant funding.

While Dr. Bartlett's accomplishments are too numerous to list in their entirety, it bears mentioning that he has been recognized as a "Top Doctor" by Baltimore Magazine. The National Kidney Foundation recently named him one of its 2013 "Kidney Champions" for his groundbreaking contributions to the field of kidney research and transplantation. He has authored more than 230 peer-reviewed journal articles and 11 book chapters.

Of particular note, Dr. Bartlett led an effort that recently resulted in the most extensive full face transplant completed in the world to date. In addition to historic projects like this, he continues to spearhead basic scientific research always with the singular goal of improving patients' quality of life.

I have had the pleasure of knowing Dr. Bartlett—as well as his wife, June, and three children—on a personal level for many years. I am impressed with his dedication to his family. He may receive distinguished accolades for his medical breakthroughs, but his commitment to his wife and children come first.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join with me today to honor Dr. Stephen Bartlett. His service and dedication to the University of Maryland is an asset to the state. It is with great pride that I wish him the happiest of birthdays and many more to come.

#### THE 125TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE TOWN OF BRAMWELL, WEST VIRGINIA

#### HON. NICK J. RAHALL II

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 19, 2013*

Mr. RAHALL. Mr. Speaker, nestled in a picturesque valley setting, amidst gently sloped green hills, complete with a meandering river is the town of Bramwell, West Virginia, which celebrates its 125th birthday tomorrow.

Coal was very much a part of the genesis of Bramwell. It is a town that was home to many coal mine owners and operators. So much so in fact, this small town was once able to boast of more per capita millionaires than any town in the country. Entrepreneurism still reigns in Bramwell, although today it is not as much of the pocketbook as it is of the heart. Many of the town's grand homes have been painstakingly and lovingly preserved by homeowners.

Throughout the year, the town hosts a number of festive events that celebrate its coal heritage. Every Christmas, homes are opened for tours and period costumed, well versed and pithy witted interpreters will guide visitors through a domestic lifestyle enjoyed in yesteryear. Each spring, home tours welcome the new season just as cordially and each fall, the Bramwell Oktoberfest is not to be missed.

However, any day of the year is a good day to visit this homage to history. Visitors will be met with a sincere pride in our coal heritage, the heritage of our families and of our State. That sense of pride is just as alive and kicking as ever. For everyone in Bramwell, history is not a thing of the past; it is a prologue to the future. In fact, the future of this temperate region fittingly dubbed Four Seasons Country, is bright, largely due to the efforts of communities like Bramwell.

For the same pioneering spirit that established deep roots here, the same productive

mindset that grew this small town into a considerable per capita national asset; the same soul that said our best days are yet ahead; this town, with its share of Bluestone, is seeing more and more blue skies each day. And the word has spread. From Hatfield and McCoy Trail riders, from national and international Boy Scouts of America and their families, to even our neighbors here in the Virginias, Bramwell has become a distinctive, desirable destination in and of its own right. Of that we are most proud.

I take great pride myself in playing a role in bringing the federal resources to bear so that the Bramwell story can be told and retold 1,025 years from now. From Coal Heritage funding to supporting funding for VISTA to help staff the new Farmer's Market, Bramwell is one heck of a good, sound federal investment. And, boy, that's a story we can share with the world.

It's a story that exceeds the fame and infamy of the fabled fortunes of coal barons. It's a tale with far broader implications than a slice of living history romanticized for a few days of entertainment. It is nothing short of a life's lesson, of a people not giving up nor giving in. And it is proof positive of the productivity that comes from a close knit group of people who work together for the common good.

Mr. Speaker, the work and achievements this town's citizens have forged constitute nothing short of a model for the country.

I hope my colleagues will take note of this national investment and take time to visit soon. They may feel completely free to share this treasure of a town with their constituents. Bramwell welcomes all.

To all my good friends in Bramwell, I wish you a very Happy Birthday and Godspeed.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. KAY GRANGER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 19, 2013*

Ms. GRANGER. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 587, due to a previously scheduled, important event in my district with my constituents that could not be rescheduled, I was not present for this vote.

Had I been present, I would have voted "aye."

#### HONORING RYAN A. MCCOY

### HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 19, 2013*

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Ryan A. McCoy. Ryan is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 395, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Ryan has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Ryan has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Ryan

has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Ryan A. McCoy for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. K. MICHAEL CONAWAY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 19, 2013*

Mr. CONAWAY. Mr. Speaker, on November 18th, I was attending a funeral and missed rollcall No. 589, on H.R. 272. Had I been present I would have voted "aye."

#### OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

### HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 19, 2013*

Mr. COFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, on January 20, 2009, the day President Obama took office, the national debt was \$10,626,877,048,913.08.

Today, it is \$17,192,878,839,268.39. We've added \$6,566,001,790,355.31 to our debt in 4 years. This is \$6.5 trillion in debt our nation, our economy, and our children could have avoided with a balanced budget amendment.

#### IN CELEBRATION OF LOTTIE ALBERT'S 98TH BIRTHDAY

### HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 19, 2013*

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to wish my dear friend Lottie Albert a very happy 98th birthday. Lottie was born on December 25, 1915 to Eva and Louis Wernick in New York, New York. In 1936, she married Sol Albert and shared 55 wonderful years of marriage with him. They had two daughters, Harriet and Doreen. Now, Lottie is a grandmother of Eric, Glenn, and Lowell, as well as a great-grandmother of Kyle, Samantha, Heather, and Seth.

Lottie has been a resident of Broward County for 40 years and lived in the City of Sunrise for the past 12 years. She is an amazing individual who has selflessly dedicated herself to helping so many throughout South Florida, and for that I am truly grateful.

Her work with the Ann Storck Children's Center, The Elderly Interest Fund's MEDIVAN Program, and the Alzheimer's Family Center was honored on March 25, 2012 with her induction into the Broward County Women's Hall of Fame. Additionally, in 1988, she was inducted into the Area Agency on Aging's Dr. Nan S. Hutchison Broward Senior Hall of Fame. Furthermore, in 2005 Broward County named November 12th as "Lottie Albert Appreciation Day."

Mr. Speaker, Lottie exemplifies the ideals of civic engagement. Her compassion and tire-

less devotion to her community are a shining example for us all. She has been a wonderful friend to me for so many years, and it is my distinct honor to wish her a happy birthday.

#### HONORING ARGO MARKETING GROUP ON BEING AWARDED THE 2013 INC. HIRE POWER AWARD FOR JOB CREATION

### HON. MICHAEL H. MICHAUD

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 19, 2013*

Mr. MICHAUD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Argo Marketing Group as it celebrates being awarded the 2013 Inc. Hire Power Award as the number one job creator in Lewiston, Maine.

Argo Marketing Group was founded in 2003 by Jason Levesque, a veteran of the United States Army. It provides quality third-party customer service to its clients' customers around the world. In the past 10 years, the firm has grown from being the brainchild of one determined individual to a fast-growing industry pioneer with three Maine offices.

This year, Argo Marketing Group has invested \$2.4 million in turning a dilapidated building in Lewiston's downtown into a 25,000 square foot headquarters with space for 250 jobs. With the addition of the new Lewiston facility, Argo Marketing Group expects to have a total of 350 call center seats and 500 employees. For these efforts, the firm placed first on the 2013 Inc. Hire Power list of job creators in Lewiston.

Throughout the Group's rapid expansion, it has remained devoted to community service. It has lent its support to groups including the Lewiston Public Theater, Sand Castle preschool, and Maine's National Guard and Reserve Family Readiness Program. Founded by a veteran, the firm is committed to giving back to Maine service members by offering hiring bonuses to military veterans, active members and veterans of the Maine National Guard and Reserve, and their spouses.

Argo Marketing Group is truly a testament to the creative and dynamic spirit of Maine. As a job-builder and community member, its efforts help make Maine a great place to live and do business.

Mr. Speaker, please join me again in congratulating Argo Marketing Group on being awarded the 2013 Inc. Hire Power Award for their outstanding job creation in the city of Lewiston, Maine.

#### CONGRESSIONAL RECOGNITION FOR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE

### HON. RON BARBER

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 19, 2013*

Mr. BARBER. Mr. Speaker, today I wish to recognize the first Douglas Youth Leadership Development Forum that will be held this week in Southern Arizona.

The theme of this forum is "Speaking Truth to Power" and it is being held in conjunction with national, state and local observations of Rural Health Day.

This forum will engage junior high school and high school students living in the Douglas area who are eager to gain leadership experience through volunteer initiatives tied to the improvement of health care in rural areas.

I hope that many young people in Cochise County and elsewhere in Southern Arizona will take this opportunity to participate in this very worthwhile endeavor.

During the forum, attendees will hear from established youth leaders. Also speaking will be long-time Douglas leaders who support the advancement of youth into leadership roles.

The Arizona Rural Health Association is sponsoring this important event. Other sponsors are the city of Douglas, Chiricahua Community Health Center, Cochise County Health Department, Cochise County Youth Health Coalition, Douglas Family Care, Douglas High School Health Occupation Students of American, Douglas High School Med Club, People's Choice Hospital, Southeast Arizona Area Health Education Center, Southeast Arizona Medical Center, Students Against Destructive Decisions, University of Arizona Center for Rural Health and the Voice of Douglas.

I am proud to recognize the first Douglas Youth Leadership Development Forum and encourage residents of my district to fully support it.

#### HONORING JARED DALE GOULD

#### HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 19, 2013*

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Jared Dale Gould. Jared is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 1393, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Jared has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Jared has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Jared has earned the rank of Eagle Scout. Jared has also contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. Jared constructed a fire pit at Heartland Presbyterian Center outside of Parkville, Missouri.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Jared Dale Gould for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

#### HON. GWEN MOORE

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 19, 2013*

Ms. MOORE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today regarding my absence from the House for votes on the evening of November 18, 2013, due to a medical issue. I would like to submit how I would have voted had I been in attendance for the following votes:

Rollcall No. 588, on the motion to suspend the rules and pass, as amended, the Digital

Accountability and Transparency Act (H.R. 2061): I would have voted "yea."

Rollcall No. 589, on the motion to suspend the rules and pass, as amended, a bill (H.R. 272) to designate the Department of Veterans Affairs and Department of Defense joint outpatient clinic to be constructed in Marina, California, as the General William H. Gourley Federal Outpatient Clinic: A Joint VA-DOD Health Care Facility: I would have voted "yea."

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

#### HON. ALLYSON Y. SCHWARTZ

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 19, 2013*

Ms. SCHWARTZ. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall no. 589, I was unable to be present for the vote on H.R. 272.

Had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

#### KEEP YOUR HEALTH PLAN ACT OF 2013

SPEECH OF

#### HON. GARY C. PETERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 15, 2013*

Mr. PETERS of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of a temporary, one year extension of health care plans in the individual market. Although this bill isn't perfect, I believe it is important that Congress works together to give Michigan residents certainty and stability in their healthcare choices while the Administration works out the problems in the implementation of the Affordable Care Act.

I want to emphasize my support for health care reform. I voted for this important law in 2010, and have voted 40 times against efforts to repeal and dismantle health care reform. However, many of my constituents have called my office confused by the cancellation letters sent by insurers. Compounding this confusion is the ongoing technology glitches that are keeping people from signing up on the exchanges and learning about new options for health insurance.

At a time when too many Michigan families are still struggling economically, it is important that we keep our promises that the law would allow you to keep your insurance and doctor if you want to.

The President announced his plan to grandfather in health care plans that have been recently canceled, but I believe that Congress must also vote to support that decision legislatively. I believe that this temporary, one year extension of health care plans is necessary while people can get the information they need to make the right choices for their family on the benefits of the Affordable Care Act.

I support the President's requirement to have insurers disclose better information about these grandfathered plans and new plans that might be available. That is why I also joined in sending a letter to Secretary Sebelius stating that we must require insurers to explain to policyholders what benefits they would be losing under the grandfathered plans, and the tax credits and subsidies they could be eligible for

in the new insurance marketplace. We must ensure that insurance companies provide a clear explanation when any future changes to plans are not a requirement of the Affordable Care Act.

As I have always said, I am willing to work in order to make improvements to ACA as they are needed. Clearly a fix is needed to ensure that people can keep their insurance if they like it. It is important that we work together to give certainty on this issue, and Congress should pass a bipartisan bill to achieve this goal.

#### RECOGNIZING ZORAIDA RIOS-ANDINO

#### HON. ALAN GRAYSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 19, 2013*

Mr. GRAYSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Hispanic Heritage Month, to recognize the public service of Zoraida Rios-Andino. Zoraida was born in East Chicago, Indiana. Her passion for social justice started when she was studying at Saint Joseph's College where she received a Bachelor's Degree in Sociology and Education. As a student, she was the founder of an organization called "Palante" and was the assistant director of a college TV program, "Know Your Community," which informs Latino students about issues affecting the Hispanic community. She is the proud mother of her two children Carolina Raquel and Gilberto Antonio. Her pride and joy is her granddaughter Analiz Diana Balderas.

In 1979, Zoraida moved to Puerto Rico and worked for several community services companies. In 1986, she returned to Indiana and began advocating for the rights of the Puerto Rican and Latino community. She served as President of Madre Atrevete Muevete Ahora (MAMA) and Secretary of the Latino Historical Society. She was also active with the Northwest Indiana Voter Registration and Education Foundation, United Citizens Organization, and United Farm Workers. Zoraida was the co-founder and President of the National Conference of Puerto Rican Women and received their Lifetime Achievement Award in 2000. She also received the Roberto Clemente Community Service Award from the Northwest Indiana Coordinating Counsel.

After moving to Florida with her family, Zoraida became the founder and President of the National Conference of Puerto Rican Women's local chapter in Orlando. She is also a member of the Asociación Borinqueña and La Casa de Puerto Rico. In 2008, she got involved with various social justice groups and served as Vice President for Frente Unido 436 and Vice President of the National Council of Puerto Rican Rights. She is also involved with the Black, Latino, Puerto Rican Alliance for Justice and is founder and co-director of the Orlando chapter of the National Congress of Puerto Rican Rights. She is currently working on her project "Boricua," a tool to unite the worldwide Puerto Rican community.

I am happy to honor Zoraida Rios-Andino for her public service to the Hispanic community.



TO CONGRATULATE THE FUND A  
CURE FOR PANCREATIC CANCER  
ORGANIZATION OF NEWTOWN,  
PENNSYLVANIA

**HON. MICHAEL G. FITZPATRICK**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 19, 2013*

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, November has been designated Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month. This disease and its alarming statistics call for aggressive measures to develop early detection and treatment tools before its incidence increases dramatically. More advanced scientific research will give hope to those diagnosed with pancreatic cancer, which is the only major cancer with a five-year relative survival rate of just six percent. Since there are no effective early detection tools or curative treatments for pancreatic cancer, it is expected to become the second leading cause of cancer-related deaths by 2020. I, therefore, commend the Fund a Cure for Pancreatic Cancer Organization, of Newtown, Bucks County, Pennsylvania, and its 2013 Run Over Cancer 5K that took place on July 6 with more than 250 participants. Congratulations for raising over \$35,000 for the Thomas Jefferson University Hospital's Pancreatic Cancer Research Team. The proceeds from this annual event will be presented to the hospital in Philadelphia on Dec. 2, 2013.

**HONORING PHILLIP CHRISTOPHER  
RUARK**

**HON. SAM GRAVES**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 19, 2013*

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Phillip Christopher Ruark. Phillip is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 214, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Phillip has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Phillip has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Phillip has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. Phillip performed needed maintenance work in Wallace State Park in Cameron, Missouri, including raising the necessary funds and installing a handicap-accessible bench.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Phillip Christopher Ruark for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

**COMMEMORATING VINCENT  
EVERETT FIELDS**

**HON. LEONARD LANCE**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 19, 2013*

Mr. LANCE. I rise today to honor the memory of Vincent Everett Fields of Long Valley, New Jersey who honorably served his country during the Second World War. Mr. Fields was a Private First Class, United States Marine Corps, and was killed in action during the battle of Iwo Jima on March 6, 1945.

Mr. Fields was 23 years old at the time of his death and left behind a young wife and a baby daughter. He was a member of the 5th Marine Amphibious Corps, which assaulted the Island with sea and air support. In the battle of Iwo Jima our Nation lost 6,800 American service members.

At the time of this tremendous loss, General James L. Jones, 32nd Commandant of the Marine Corps, stated, "The valor and sacrifice of the Marines and Sailors who fought on Iwo Jima is, today and forever, the standard by which we judge what we are and what we might become."

**IN SUPPORT OF NATIONAL  
ENTREPRENEURS' DAY**

**HON. ELIZABETH H. ESTY**

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 19, 2013*

Ms. ESTY, Mr. Speaker, today is National Entrepreneurs' Day, a time when we celebrate the hard work of small business owners, inventors, and start-up companies across the country. Entrepreneurs are truly driving growth in our economy, and the small businesses they create account for more than 97% of all employers in Connecticut.

I had the honor of celebrating National Entrepreneurs' Day yesterday—a day early—back home in Connecticut. I visited iDevices, a local company in Avon that creates wireless connectivity for smartphones and tablets. The company builds apps such as the iGrill Bluetooth cooking thermometer, the iShower, and the iKitchen. The CEO, Christopher Allen, started with one product, the iGrill, and \$150,000 of pre-seed funding through Connecticut Innovations. He used that money to grow his business and take his product to market, partnering with key tech players like Apple and receiving a major endorsement from Mark Zuckerberg. Last summer, the founder of Facebook, "liked" iDevice's iGrill, and his endorsement went viral sparking major traffic on iDevice's website and demand for their product.

Since their launch, iDevices has grown from a small staff of 3 people to a company that now employs 28 people. And they're still growing. Yesterday, Christopher told me they expect to have 40 employees by the end of the year. He has built a campus in Avon the likes of what one would expect to find in Silicon Valley that provides a nurturing environment for his engineers and employees to innovate and create new products. The company has also invested in our local students—they hosted four interns this past summer from

local colleges, and those interns will be returning as full-time employees upon graduation.

With all apologies to my colleagues in Northern California, Christopher has created a business in my district that attracts the talent and minds that would typically go to Facebook and Google. He and his team are providing a way to keep our homegrown New England talent in Connecticut for generations to come. iDevices and Christopher are just one of many entrepreneurs making a difference in Connecticut and across the country. I am proud and grateful that they call Connecticut home.

I look forward to continuing to work with my friend Rep. Scott Peters on issues to improve our economy and support job creation.

**HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY  
OF EDWARD O. WATTS, SR.**

**HON. BRIAN HIGGINS**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 19, 2013*

Mr. HIGGINS. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to acknowledge Edward O. Watts, Sr., director of Watts Architecture & Engineering, who passed away on October 31st, 2013 in Buffalo at the age of 70.

A Western New York native, Mr. Watts grew up in Grand Island and graduated from Camden Academy in Alabama. He earned a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from Tuskegee University, and went on to gain his master's degree from Baldwin Wallace College.

Mr. Watts began his career at Lockheed Martin in Atlanta as a design engineer, and moved on to work for DuPont in Cleveland, Ohio before being transferred to Niagara Falls. He was able to follow the American Dream and start his own business, now known as Watts Architecture & Engineering. The company began with just one employee—Mr. Watts himself—and now employs about 100 people. Recently, the firm celebrated its 25th anniversary. Mr. Watts received many business and design awards for his work, perhaps the most prominent being the U.S. Small Business Administration Graduate Firm of the Year Award in 2010.

Dedicated to giving back to communities that helped him grow, Mr. Watts was a member of the Tuskegee University Alumni Association, and frequently returned to the school to raise funds to upgrade the engineering department and for scholarships. He helped fund the Watts Family Scholarships at Alabama State University in honor of his mother, who was a graduate of the university. Mr. Watts also generously contributed to schools in his native Western New York. His company provides scholarships every year at the University at Buffalo for minority students, one for the School of Engineering and one for the School of Architecture. Mr. Watts completed the University at Buffalo Center for Entrepreneurial Leadership Program, and for more than 10 years he returned as a mentor for numerous business owners.

Mr. Watts was a member of the Lincoln Memorial United Methodist Church and served on its board of trustees as church treasurer. His favorite pastime was playing the Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail in Alabama—a passion he pursued at home as well. He organized the



Watts Open Golf Tournament for his employees as well as the American Institute of Architects/American Council of Engineering Consultants of Western New York Golf Tournament.

Mr. Watts's dedication to his community was equaled by his love for his family. Together, he and his wife of forty-four years, Lydia, raised two sons, Edward and Jonathan. Mr. Watts was close with his sisters, Dr. Vivien DeShields, Claudette Camp, and Dr. Geraldine Bell.

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**HON. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 19, 2013*

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, Rep. RANDY K. WEBER SR., Rep. JEFF FORTENBERRY, and Rep. JAMES P. MCGOVERN

should have been included as original cosponsors of a piece of legislation that I introduced yesterday, H.R. 3526, a bill to permit persons subject to the jurisdiction of the United States to enter into transactions with certain sanctioned foreign persons that are customary, necessary, and incidental to the donation or provision of goods or services to prevent or alleviate the suffering of civilian populations, and for other purposes or more simply, the Humanitarian Access Facilitation Act.

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HONORING KEYAN DAVID  
LUNDERS

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**HON. SAM GRAVES**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 19, 2013*

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Keyan David Lunders. Keyan is a very special young man

who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 1333, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Keyan has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Keyan has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Keyan has become a Member of the Order of the Arrow and earned the rank of Warrior in the Tribe of Mic-O-Say. Keyan has also contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. Keyan restored a section of trail and constructed two benches along the White Tail Trail at the Parkville Nature Sanctuary in Parkville, Missouri.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Keyan David Lunders for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.